



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2023-0095]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; March 2023 Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet to discuss matters relating to activities directly involved with, or in support of, the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources, to the extent that such matters are within the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: *Meeting:* The Committee will hold a meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). Please note the meeting may close early if the Committee has completed its business.

Comments and supporting documents: To ensure your comments are reviewed by Committee members before the meeting, submit your written comments no later than February 15, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Safety Management Systems' conference facility located at 2916 North University Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70507.

Attendees will be required to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which may include the need to wear masks. CDC guidance on COVID protocols can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance.html>.

The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require reasonable

accommodations due to a disability to fully participate, please email Lieutenant Commander Kimberly Gates at Kimberly.M.Gates@uscg.mil or call (202) 372-1455 as soon as possible.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meeting as time permits, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meeting, please submit your comments no later than February 15, 2023. We are particularly interested in comments regarding the topics in the “Agenda” section below. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the individual in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. You must include the docket number [USCG-2023-0095]. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may wish to review the Privacy and Security notice available on the homepage of <https://www.regulations.gov>. For more about the privacy and submissions in response to this document, see DHS’s eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020). If you encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Docket Search: Documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, and all public comments, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website’s instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign-up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Kimberly Gates, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the National Offshore Safety Advisory

Committee, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, telephone 202-372-1455 or *Kimberly.M.Gates@uscg.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, (5 U.S.C. 10). The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee was established on December 4, 2018, by section 601 of the *Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018* (Public Law 115-282, 132 Stat. 4192), and amended by section 8331 of the *Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022* (Public Law 116-283). That authority is codified in 46 U.S.C. 15106. The Committee operate under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, (5 U.S.C. 10), and 46 U.S.C. 15109. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to activities directly involved with, or in support of, the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources, to the extent that such matters are within the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard.

Agenda

The agenda for the March 1, 2023 meeting is as follows:

- (1) Call to Order.
- (2) Roll call and determination of quorum.
- (3) Adoption of previous meeting minutes and agenda.
- (4) Installation of new member.
- (5) Opening Remarks.
- (6) Update from the Shell AUGER Subcommittee.
- (7) Update from the Assistance Towing Subcommittee.
- (8) New Business.
- (9) Public Comment period.
- (10) Closing remarks/plans for next meeting.
- (11) Adjournment of meeting.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at:

<https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/ports-and-waterways/safety-advisory->

committees/nosac/organization no later than February 15, 2023. Alternatively, you may contact Lieutenant Commander Kimberly Gates as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

During the March 1, 2023 meeting, a public comment period will be held from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that this public comment period may start before 4:30 p.m. if all other agenda items have been covered and may end before 5 p.m. if all of those wishing to comment have done so.

Please contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to register as a speaker.

Dated: January 25, 2023.

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Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.